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Councillor not pleased with report

Fire hall. Havixbeck says she has questions about why project went $2.5M over estimates

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A report to a City of Winnipeg committee on the cost overruns and increased size of a fire station being built near Polo Park mall is raising questions rather than answering them.

The city councillor in charge of the committee isn't pleased.

"I have some serious concerns with this report and I'm going to be asking some very tough questions," said Coun. Paula Havixbeck, who represents Charleswood-Tuxedo-Whyte Ridge and chairs the standing policy committee on protection and community services.

"I have concerns about cost overruns (and) scope changes, where people think they have the authority to do some of these things."

A report made available on the City's website on Thursday said the budget for the fire station increased by $2.5 million and the size of the hall to 14,000 sq. feet from 10,500, without council approval.

Havixbeck said she expects Fire Paramedic Service Chief Reid Douglas and City CAO Phil Sheegl or COO Deepak Joshi to attend Monday's meeting to answer committee questions.

Joshi defended the decision to expand the fire station and said city officials knew about the cost overruns in August.

"The budgeting didn't match up to the estimates," said Joshi, adding the chief was within his authority to change the scope of the fire station, including the addition of an aerial ladder, haz-mat unit and training facility, "when he felt that he was within budget."

Mayor Sam Katz said originally, $15.3-million was allocated to cover the four new fire stations. "Three of them in the suburbs were coming in at around $3 million each and they believed they could do the larger one on the cloverleaf on Portage Avenue for double the amount of money," said Katz. "That did not happen and they are over-budget right now."

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"The way this was done, if you're asking me to defend the end result, sorry I can't do it, a mistake was made."
Mayor Sam Katz

Coun. Paula Havixbeck says she has many questions for city officials regarding the scope and budget increase for a new fire station being built near Polo Park mall. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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New recreational facilities to go on old community centre site

Community hub.
Province and city investing $700,000 to build new recreational facilities five years after community centre closed

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Five years after the City of Winnipeg shut down and then demolished Elmwood's Kelvin Community Centre, the province and city are investing $700,000 to build new recreational facilities at the site.

While news of the redevelopment — which will include a skatepark, playground and toboggan run among other amenities — brought a cheer from area residents gathered for the announcement Thursday, most are still holding their breath that the next announcement will include money to build a new centre in the muddy hole where the old building once sat.

"This is just Phase 1 … we want to pursue a building and we want to name it after Clara Hughes and I think we're on our way," explained longtime Elmwood resident John King, who was one of many who fought to keep city hall from closing the club in the first place. "Elmwood people are very tenacious … it's a huge win for us today."

Although the land at 281 Henderson Hwy. had been put up for sale after Kelvin's main building was demolished in 2008, council voted in March to remove it from the surplus land list and leave it as recreational space.

Currently, Kelvin is administered as a satellite site of the Bronx Park Community Centre.

Elmwood MLA Jim Maloway joined Mayor Sam Katz and Manitoba's Local Government Minister Ron Lemieux for the announcement and told Metro afterward he's all for a new centre at the site, but the city needs to make a proposal first.

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"Elmwood people are very tenacious … it's a huge win for us today."

Longtime Elmwood resident John King on the announcement of a new community centre.

Elmwood resident John King holds a picture of the former Kelvin Community Centre in front of the space left when the building was demolished in 2008. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

"We don't want the city to walk away and think that the job is over, because it's not," he said.

Katz didn't rule out the possibility of a new community centre being built in the future, but said funding sources need to be identified first.

"Down the road anything is possible," he said.

Work on the redevelopment is expected to start soon, and is projected to be complete by next spring.

Corydon neighbourhood plan gets $100,000

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi (Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry) is happy with the Corydon neighbourhood plan.
BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Only a few months after effectively being kiboshed, the Corydon Osborne Neighbourhood Plan was approved by city council on Wednesday — and with $100,000 in funds to get going.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi (Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry) said she was pleased to see the plan approved by council.

"It's something that I've wanted to see, a neighbourhood plan in the Corydon area, since I was elected and that's been 14 years ago," she said.

"It was a little frustrating that it got delayed, I'm trying to look forward positively on this and not be negative about why or how this happened. The fact is, it's back on track."

The controversy over the plan stemmed from a motion approved during a July property and development committee meeting that in essence halted work on a secondary plan intended for the Corydon-Osborne neighbourhood.

Many residents felt this gave more power to businesses and developers in the area.

Mayor Sam Katz then stepped in, bringing together stakeholders including local councillors, residents, businesspeople and city officials.

"It's really crucial to have a plan for this developing neighbourhood," said Gerbasi, adding she aims for a plan that balances the needs of residents and businesses.

"We have to have a plan for that or it's going to be chaos, it's going to be adversarial, meeting after meeting."

Gerbasi said the neighbourhood plan for Osborne has worked very well, and will likely be the blueprint for the Corydon plan.

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Pension. MTS employees taking case to top court

In a decision handed down Thursday by the Supreme Court of Canada, the unions representing workers and retirees at MTS Allstream have won the right to fight for what they say is pension money owed to them.

The Telecommunication Employees Association of Manitoba Inc. (TEAM), Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) will be able to appeal a decision made by the Manitoba Court of Appeal in 2010 that gave about $100 million in pension money and interest back to MTS that workers say rightfully belonged to them.

"Everyone is absolutely ecstatic that the Supreme Court is allowing us to present our case," said lawyer Kris Saxberg, who represents the unions.

According to a report sent out by TEAM to union members in March, before MTS was privatized in 1996, surplus money made from employee contributions was put towards improving employee pension benefits.

When MTS was privatized, the pension plan was transferred over, resulting in a $43.3 million initial surplus. Saxberg said while the surplus was supposed to reduce employees' costs toward their pension, it instead was used to reduce MTS's costs into the pension.

The fight went to court and the unions initially won $100 million in interest and pension surplus. However, MTS argued the surplus was "only on paper" and won an appeal in 2010.

"It is unfortunate that this historical matter continues to work its way through the court system. We do not believe that the pending hearing will change the unanimous decision of the Manitoba Court of Appeal, which correctly applied the Supreme Court's recent rulings clarifying the state of pension law in Canada," said MTS spokesperson Paul Beauregard in a statement posted to MTS's website.

Saxberg said the hearing will likely happen in Fall of 2013.

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Other issues

- Saxberg said while the fate of the pensioners' money is at the heart of the case, others will be watching the case with equal interest.
- Saxberg said after MTS lost the initial court case, they hired retired Court of Appeal judge Charles Hubband to plead their case, prompting cries of bias from the unions. The Supreme Court will determine if judges who have moved onto private practices can "jump into the fray," said Saxberg.
- The case also has legal implications on other pension cases happening across Canada, said Saxberg.

'Pegger. New president of Air Canada pilot union

Air Canada's pilots have selected new leaders to oversee the 3,000 member union.

Winnipegger Craig Blandford was elected president of the Air Canada Pilots Association and will replace Paul Strachan, whose two-year term ends Dec. 31.

Blandford joined Air Canada in 1998 following 20 years of service in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Charges laid against city for sewer discharge

Red River spill.
Province cites city for failure to report system malfunction in timely manner

The City of Winnipeg South End Water Pollution Control Centre. JENNA CUMBERS/METRO

The provincial government has laid charges against the City of Winnipeg after raw sewage was dumped into the Red River last year.

On Oct. 7, 2011, partially treated sewage began running into the Red River from the South End Water Pollution Control Centre and continued for seven weeks. While the malfunction was discovered shortly thereafter, it was not reported to the province until Nov. 1, 2011. This was in direct violation of the city's licence, said the province, which requires them to report malfunctions to Manitoba Conservation immediately.

A City of Winnipeg press release issued Thursday afternoon said while time is needed to conduct a review of the charges, the city has already implemented the majority of the engineering report's recommendations, including regular microscopic evaluations of biomass on-site, chlorination infrastructure, a polymer dosing system and technical procedure for response to filamentous bulking events, including communications protocol.

"Should similar circumstances arise, these operational improvements make it possible for the city to more quickly detect and respond to any problems, limiting severity and duration of such an event," states the press release.

An independent review was released Thursday that said the discharge began due to a treatment process failure. Bacteria required to treat the sewage was reduced due to low oxygen levels and increased volumes of sludge. Therefore, the sewage wasn't treated effectively before being dumped into the river.

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- Releasing or allowing a pollutant to be released in an amount, at a level or at rate of release that exceeds limits provided under the licence.
- Failing to report the release of a pollutant that may cause an adverse effect on the environment.

A Honda Civic, inset, collided with a dump truck Thursday morning. The car's driver was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. RCMP HANDOUT

Dump truck, Honda Civic trashed in head-on collision

A Honda Civic appears to be a complete write-off after it was involved in a head-on collision with a dump truck Thursday morning.

Oakbank RCMP said the truck and the Civic collided on Garvin Road between PR 206 and PR 207.

The man behind the wheel of the Honda Civic was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the dump truck was not hurt.

A cause of the crash was not immediately determined, although RCMP say they continue to investigate.

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High Five! In honour of Halloween, we take a closer look at five interesting cemeteries in Winnipeg. Take a tour — but be respectful of the graves, you never know what you might rudely awaken from its slumber.

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5 Cemeteries with a spooky past

1 St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery

The oldest Catholic cemetery in Western Canada, it holds within the walls of the remains of the St. Boniface Cathedral, which burned in 1968, the crypts of several bishops. The grounds are completely open, meaning a midnight tour can be had. It is also the final resting place of Louis Riel, known as the "Father of Manitoba."

2 Elmwood Cemetery

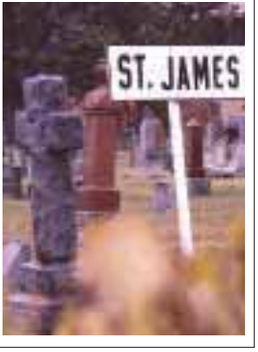
This cemetery, located on the banks of the Red River between the Disraeli and Redwood bridges, has for decades been a source for spooky stories among the residents in the communities surrounding it. Once a regular stop on haunted tours, it is also a place of incredible beauty, with headstones that could grace museums and art galleries.

3 Brookside Cemetery

Its Field of Honour is the largest and oldest military interment site in Canada, with more than 12,000 veterans and service men and women buried there. The Field dates back to 1915, when The Daughters of the Empire asked the City of Winnipeg to set aside land for the veterans returning from the First World War. If you want to know what war looks like, this is it.

4 St. James Cemetery

Located across from the busy Polo Park mall on Portage Avenue, St. James Cemetery is believed to have been a meeting place for First Nations. This cemetery traces its history right to the Hudson's Bay Company, as it granted the land to the Parish of St. James in 1851. The log church built two years later is still used for regular worship today.



5 St. Mary's Cemetery

Another cemetery that traces its history to land donated by the Hudson's Bay Company, St. Mary's Cemetery on Osborne Street is rumoured to have a victim of the 1912 RMS Titanic disaster among those buried there.

T-shirts under scrutiny at museum

Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
Workers rights groups question whether abuses took place in sweatshops

Officials with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights are looking into whether some of their fundraising T-shirts were produced in sweatshops in developing countries.

The government-funded museum has been selling T-shirts made in Honduras, El Salvador and other countries to raise money for the centre, slated to open in 2014.

A Global News report this week showed that some of the T-shirts were made by Gildan, a Montreal-based clothing manufacturer with factories in Central America, the Caribbean and Asia. Gildan has been criticized by the Workers Rights Consortium, an independent group that claims the company has resorted to threats, intimidation and firings to prevent workers from unionizing.

Angela Cassie, museum spokesperson, said a review of the matter is underway and will include a discussion with the consortium and the companies the museum buys from.

"We are speaking with many of our suppliers, and ... with this particular merchandise, if we find that it does not respect or comply with our standards, then we'll take action as appropriate," Cassie said on Thursday.

She noted that Gildan has been certified by the Fair Labour Association, a U.S. group that asks companies to comply voluntarily with labour standards.

Cassie defended the museum's overall use of suppliers in developing countries. Some are small shops that help social causes, such as a women's collective in El Salvador. "They are micro economic-development projects," she said.

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Tenor, anyone?

The Canadian Tenors — from left, Fraser Walters, Victor Micallef, Clifton Murray and Remigio Pereira — perform for workers and media on Thursday at the under-construction Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The lunch-hour concert was the first musical performance in the building. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

WWE legend. Movie screening has Rowdy side

For his first feature film, former Winnipegger Mick Paulusma managed to cast a childhood hero, past pro wrestling star "Rowdy" Roddy Piper.

It's not exactly a part that has Piper written all over it. Clear Lake — which screens at the Ellice Theatre on Friday at 7:30 p.m. — tells the story of Jimmy (played by Winnipeg's Daryl Dorge), a young man living in a northern mining town who gets a second chance to witness the snow goose migration across fictional Clear Lake. When Jimmy first went to watch the geese as a boy, his parents had an accident while looking for him, and his mother died.

"It really focuses on the relationship between the father and the son and them dealing with the guilt they feel," said Paulusma, who shot Clear Lake in and around Winnipeg in 2008.

"It's about them moving on after this death. They've sort of kept these things pushed down deep. The whole idea of the son wanting to leave home to see these birds is really more about this tragedy bubbling up to the surface again and how they deal with it."

Paulusma said Piper, in person, is much calmer and gentler than his villainous rock-star ring persona. Still, he hasn't lost his "Rowdy" side.

"Rowdy" Roddy Piper stars in the film Clear Lake. CONTRIBUTED

"There's one scene in the film where the son makes this contraption where these carved snow geese fly around like one of those Chair-o-Plane amusement park rides, and one goose comes off and hits dad in the face," Paulusma said. "Roddy kept saying, 'Don't be shy, throw that thing at me. Hit me in the face. Give it to me.' He can take a hit."

Clear Lake will be available for rent from Rogers On Demand starting in November.

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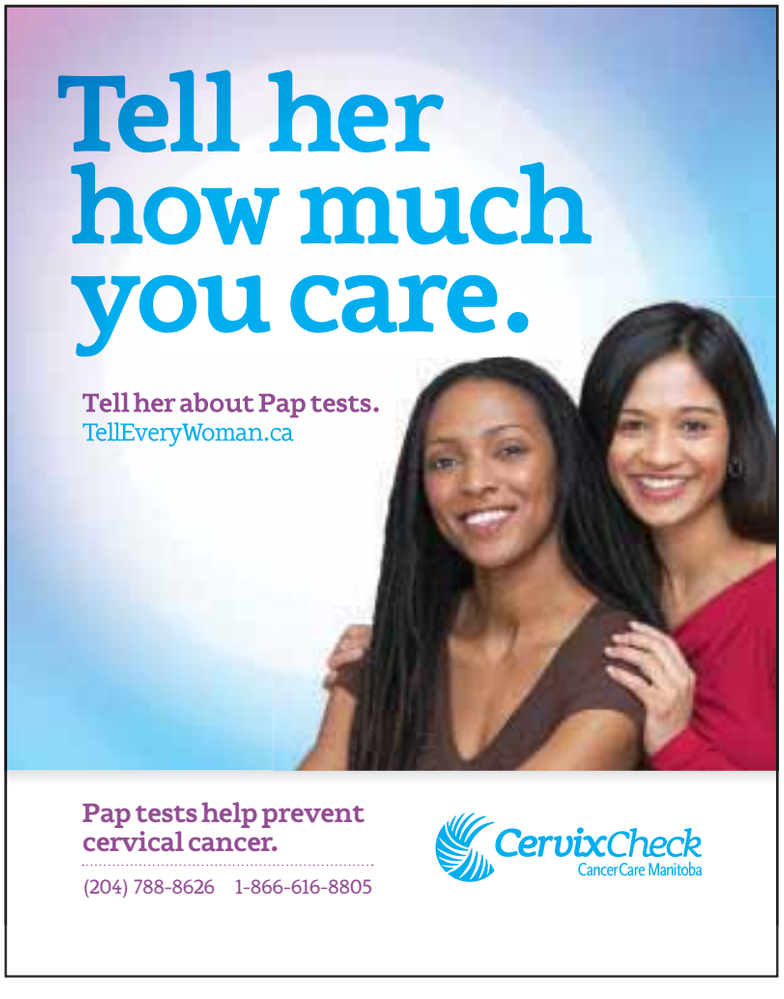

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Corrections Service is an 'abuser:' Lawyer

Ashley Smith inquest. Judge rejected the government's request to stop the probe into teenager's death in jail

Lawyer Julian Falconer outside coroner's court. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With one court challenge out of the way, the inquest into the prison death of teenager Ashley Smith is now expected to carry on next week.

The government's failed attempt at stopping the inquest proceedings has angered Smith's family.

Their lawyer says Correctional Service Canada is out of control.

Prison officials don't want the public to see disturbing surveillance video of Smith's treatment before her choking death five years ago.

However, a Divisional Court judge rejected their bid for an emergency stay.

The inquest is expected to resume on Oct. 31.

The decision to continue with the inquest came amid assertions prison authorities were simply trying to cover up the horrific treatment meted out to Smith that was captured on video.

In a ruling that took about an hour to decide, Divisional Court Justice Joan Lax dismissed the stay motion.

Correctional Service Canada asked for the emergency halt to the much-delayed inquest to give it time to get the courts to review a ruling by the presiding coroner that the videos be public.

The videos at issue shows, among other things, guards duct-taping Smith to an airplane seat and forcibly injecting her with "chemical restraints" against her will. The Smith family lawyer Julian Falconer accused the government of trying to put a lid on abuse videos. Five years ago, as guards looked on, Smith, 19, choked to death in Kitchener, Ont.

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"I insist on Correctional Services being called an abuser."

Lawyer Julian Falconer, who represents Ashley Smith's family, speaking at a court hearing before Justice Joan Lax

Ashley Smith is shown in this video image. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brothels

Supreme Court to review prostitution laws

The Supreme Court of Canada is willing to take a look at the country's main laws controlling prostitution. The court said Thursday it will hear a government appeal of a ruling striking down the ban on brothels.

Ontario's top court had ruled the ban on bawdy houses increased the dangers prostitutes face because it forces them to work outside.

The Ontario court also upheld a ban on soliciting and reworded the law against living on the avails of prostitution.

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Omnibus bill. Conservatives to limit debate on budget bill

Just one week after introducing it, the Conservative government is moving to fast-track its controversial omnibus budget bill.

The House of Commons passed a motion Thursday to impose time allocation on Bill C-45, essentially limiting how long it can be debated by members of parliament.

"They've introduced a law and then right away they introduce time allocation," interim Liberal leader Bob Rae said after the motion passed. "I think it's pretty strange and pretty bizarre.

"I don't find it a normal way to conduct public business to introduce a time allocation bill almost simultaneously with the introduction of the law."

The Conservatives have agreed to let nine committees examine the first bill.

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Controversy

It's the second omnibus bill the Harper government has introduced to implement the March budget.

- The first bill triggered an opposition filibuster that brought parliament to a near standstill.

U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at a campaign rally, Wednesday, in Las Vegas. Republican Mitt Romney is inching closer to the incumbent as polls show a fall in Obama's support among women. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama slips in the polls among female voters

Presidential election. New poll shows more women trust Romney with helping turn the economy around

Katy Perry shows support for Obama at a campaign rally in Las Vegas.
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A hoarse U.S. President Barack Obama swung into a second day of a campaigning blitz in a narrowing race while a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows he has ceded his 16-point advantage among women, a surprising drop among a key group that is crucial to his winning a second term.

The poll also shows Republican challenger Mitt Romney is favoured by 47 per cent of likely voters to 45 per cent for the president less than two weeks before Election Day.

Obama's dip in support among women appeared to reflect a recent drive by Romney to show himself as a more moderate candidate after months of campaigning as a hard-right conservative.

Having gained ground with women, however, Romney's campaign now must deal with the fallout from a comment by a Romney-endorsed Senate candidate in Indiana, who said that when a woman becomes pregnant during a rape, "that's something God intended."

His campaign has said Romney disagreed with what Mourdock said but stood by his endorsement of the Senate candidate. Romney opposes abortion but, unlike Mourdock, supports exceptions in cases of rape or incest.

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Savile was investigated in the 1980s, police say

Disgraced. BBC host accused of using his fame to lure teens

Disgraced BBC entertainer Jimmy Savile was investigated in the 1980s over an allegation of indecent assault, police said Thursday as they announced that 300 potential victims had come forward so far with abuse accusations against the late TV host.

The well-known children's television and radio presenter is accused of using his fame to coerce vulnerable teens into having sex with him in his car, in his camper van, and even in dressing rooms on BBC premises. The Savile scandal has rocked the BBC and prompted disbelief that the presenter's crimes could have gone unnoticed or unreported.

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Former BBC host, Jimmy Savile
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NYPD. Alleged cannibal cop arrested in FBI sting

Federal authorities say a New York City police officer plotted to kidnap women, rape and torture them and then cook and eat their body parts.

Gilberto Valle was arrested Wednesday in the ghoulish case. He is expected to appear in federal court in Manhattan sometime Thursday.

According to a criminal complaint, the FBI intercepted emails from Valle to an unidentified co-conspirator "discussing plans to kidnap, rape, torture, kill, cook and eat body parts of a number of women."

No women were actually harmed.

The New York Police Department patrolman lives in Queens. He had been assigned to a Manhattan precinct before being suspended Wednesday.

The name of Valle's attorney was not immediately available. There was no immediate response to a message left with the NYPD.

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Baltimore

Gunman thought NFLer Ray Lewis was out to get him

A man charged in a fatal shooting at a Georgia megachurch said in court documents 10 years ago that he shot a man at a Baltimore mosque because he believed an NFL player was out to get him.

In a psychological evaluation, Floyd Palmer said the 2001 mosque shooting occurred because he believed the victim and members of his own family were being paid by Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis to "get rid of him."

Palmer said his cousin and another man were killed after the 2000 Super Bowl. Lewis was charged in those stabbing deaths but was exonerated.

Palmer was committed to a Maryland psychiatric hospital after being found not criminally responsible for the mosque shooting. A judge released him in 2006, despite objections from prosecutors.

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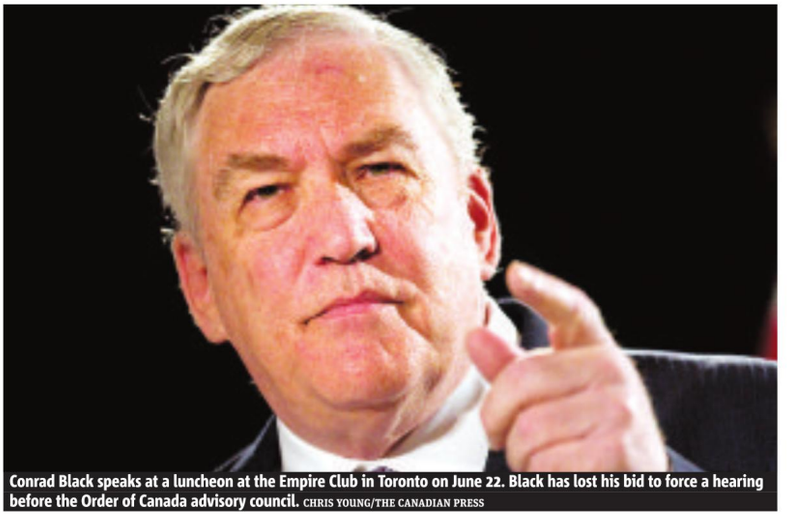
Conrad Black loses Order of Canada hearing bid

Ruling. Advisory council deciding whether or not former media baron can retain award of distinction



Conrad Black speaks at a luncheon at the Empire Club in Toronto on June 22. Black has lost his bid to force a hearing before the Order of Canada advisory council. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former media tycoon Conrad Black has lost his bid to force a hearing before the Order of Canada advisory council.

The council is deciding whether to recommend he be stripped of his 1990 honour after being convicted of fraud and obstruction of justice in the United States.

Black wanted to take his case in person, but the council refused.

Federal Court today said it would not interfere.

In its ruling, the court said the council's refusal is not immune from judicial review but that procedural fairness and natural justice do not require an oral hearing.

The court said Black can make his arguments for keeping the honour in writing.

Meanwhile, An American court has fined Black $6.1 million for violating securities laws.

The fine relates to Black's tenure at Hollinger International Inc. based in Chicago.

In his judgment earlier this month, Judge William Hart of the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois blasted Black as "intransigent."

Hart was especially unhappy with Black's denunciation of the courts and justice system in a book he has written.

Black, who spent three years in prison for fraud and obstruction of justice, has requested a stay of the judgment while he appeals related convictions.

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Microsoft hits the reset button

John Eversole, a marketing manager for Microsoft, uses Windows 8 during an event unveiling the operating system Thursday.
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Launching new tablet and Windows 8.
Touch-enabled interface a standout feature of the company's newest operating system

For a company that has launched products with Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney and Jay Leno — and has even paid to light up the Empire State Building in its signature colours — Microsoft's unveiling of Windows 8 on Thursday was a subdued affair.

Windows 8 is Microsoft's radical reimagining of its ubiquitous operating system. What makes it vastly different from past Windows releases is that it's designed from the ground up to work on touch-enabled PCs and tablet computers. Microsoft is also making its own tablet computer, the Surface, marking the first time that it will manufacture a general-purpose computer. Both the Surface and Windows 8 will go on sale Friday.

For the event, Microsoft dressed up a cavernous former bus depot on a floating pier jutting from Manhattan into the Hudson River. Improvised siding shielded the roughly 500 reporters and other guests from the sight of a ruined pier to the south.

This time, with no rock stars in attendance, Microsoft executives took the stage to introduce an array of Windows 8 desktops, laptops and tablet computers made by AsusTek Computer Inc., Dell Inc., Samsung Electronics Co. and others.

Instead of raising expectations, Microsoft Corp. did what it could to reset them. In recent days, some reviewers have panned Microsoft's Surface tablet. Others have criticized the dearth of apps in the Windows Store, the new online store where customers can buy apps that will work on the current model of the Surface and other devices that use the streamlined version of the new operating system, called Windows RT.

"The Windows Store has more apps than any competing app store had at its opening," said Steven Sinofsky, president of Windows and Windows Live, in a thinly veiled reference to Apple Inc.'s iPad.

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Lawsuit. Drugs OK past expiry date, group alleges

Three big drug multinationals are bilking billions of dollars from consumers by telling them to throw away still good but expired headache and cold pills, three class-action lawsuits allege.

The lawsuits, filed in Missouri, target Bayer Healthcare for Bayer Aspirin, Pfizer for Advil and Johnson & Johnson and McNeil-PPC for Tylenol Cold Multi-Symptom medications. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Aspirin, made by Bayer.
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Survey

BMO prediction

Canadian consumers won't need to dig much deeper when faced with the ka-ching of the cash register in 2013, according to a new Bank of Montreal survey that predicts only a modest 1.3 per cent increase in prices next year. The bank said its survey of businesses in late August and early September found that six in 10 planned no price increases.
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All prices per KG for round fish	Manitoba (FFMC)	Ontario (free-market)	Quebec (free-market)
Pickerel	$ 3.00	$ 5.28	n/a
Perch	$ 2.90	$ 4.31	$ 6.22
Carp	$ 0.35	$ 0.66	n/a

Source: Dept. Fisheries and Oceans website- http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/stats/commercial/fresh-yrlist-eng.htm
In 2011 Mike Schafer of Schafer Fisheries in Thompson, Illinois offered Fishermen here $ 5.00/KG and at that time many of us found that an unbelievably good. We now know that we should be getting even more – just like the Fishermen in Ontario do.

While the salary range of the CEO, John Wood, is set out by the federal government the salaries and expense accounts for him and the rest of the staff are decided by John himself and a federally appointed Board – not Fishermen. This Board is supposed to represent the Fishermen and their interests, but as you can see by the poor prices paid and the skyrocketing salaries of the top staff they are not doing their job.

	1999	2011	
Executive and Administrative income	$ 1,149,000	$ 2,974,000	158 % increase
Processing Staff income	$ 5,496,000	$ 10,689,000	95% increase
Pickerel: price to Fishermen	$ 6.00/KG	$ 4.10/KG	31.6% decrease

The mismanagement of FFMC's executive and Board, and their failure to pay Manitoba Fishermen a decent price really does hurt us all:
- The Canadian Taxpayer's Federation exposed many of the excessive expenses spent by FFMC (http://taxpayer.com/federal/questionable-expenses-freshwater-fish-marketing-corp). These expenses had to be okayed by either the Chair of the Board- Dave Tomasson, the CEO- John Wood or the Chief Financial Officer- Stan Lazar – the very people charged with the mandate to maximize returns to fishermen. They are paying themselves first and wasting our money shamelessly.
- FFMC outsources some of its processing to China, depriving Manitoban processing staff of work and negatively impacting the quality of the finished product to the consumer.
- Less fishermen fishing because of poor prices from FFMC = less volume in the plant = less work for the processing staff.

Many studies have shown that FFMC is not doing the job it's supposed to, some of the most recent studies and commentary are these: 'Commercial fishing monopoly the problem' (http://www.fcpp.org/blog/commercial-fishing-monopoly-the-problem/) and 'Free to Fish-
How a Freshwater Fish Monopoly is Impoverishing Aboriginal Fishers' (http://www.fcpp.org/files/1/PS141_FFMC_SP07_F2.pdf) by journalist and policy analyst Joseph Quesnel.

If commercial fishermen in Manitoba had freedom of choice in marketing FFMC would have to pull up its socks and do a better job in a competitive market. Commercial fishermen would get better prices and have a better income. Good fish prices for Commercial fishermen mean more work for processing staff and a healthier economy for Manitoba.

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Harrelson backs Prairie eco-paper company

Actor Woody Harrelson has played every character from a gullible bartender to an irascible porn publisher to the drunken hero in The Hunger Games, but in real life he wants to be a paper-industry revolutionary who saves forests from chainsaws.

Harrelson, on the phone from Atlanta, Ga., where he's filming the sequel to The Hunger Games and reprising his role as the heavy drinking Haymitch Abernathy, says his support of Manitoba-based Prairie Pulp and Paper Inc., is not an act.

Prairie Pulp and Paper Inc., produces paper made from waste wheat straw, and Harrelson said he wants to get in on the movement that will see North America's first non-wood pulp-and-paper mill set up in Manitoba.

"When we build a plant there in Manitoba, it's going to be 100 per cent wood free ... really from agricultural waste," said Harrelson, a two-time Academy Award nominee. "I'd like to see a revolution in the paper industry and I think this is an important part of that process."

Prairie Pulp and Paper has commissioned an environmental study that concludes that the company's recently launched Step Forward wheat-based paper has the least amount of environmental impact among North American copy papers, including 100 per cent recycled paper.

Step Forward paper, currently made in India with 80 per cent waste wheat straw and 20 per cent wood fibres, has been available at more than 330 Staples stores across Canada since last summer.

Of the seven categories studied, Step Forward was found to have the lowest environmental impacts with regards to non-renewable energy use, greenhouse-gas emissions, wastewater volume and aquatic acidification. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Actor Woody Harrelson is the front man for a plan to convert agricultural crop waste into paper in Canada. GETTY IMAGES/FILE

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Ring, ring. Telecom watchdog says errors on cell bills are common

A telecom watchdog group says routine errors on cellphone bills continue to be a major headache for consumers, who often complained they were charged too much. A report by the Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services finds consumers also say they weren't given discounts or credits promised or their contracts didn't reflect the services they thought they were getting.

The non-profit group helps settle disputes between consumers and telecom service providers. It handled almost 11,000 complaints for 2011 to 2012 — a 35 per cent increase from the previous year. The complaints included wireless, local and long-distance and Internet services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Changing industry

Publishing houses just talking?

British publishing and education company Pearson PLC says it is in talks with German media group Bertelsmann SE over merging the firms' Penguin and Random House publishing operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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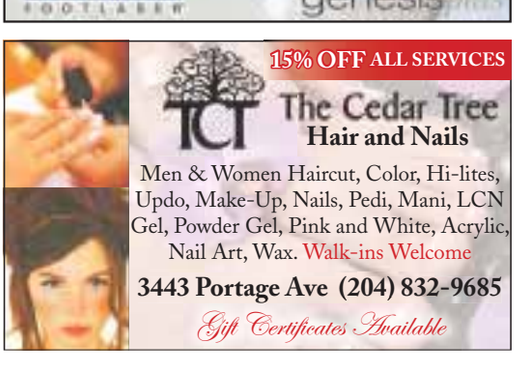

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COFFEE GETS QUICKER, TABLET GETS SMALLER

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1 Thrill The World. Thousands of people in cities around the planet are partaking in Thrill the World on Oct. 27, an annual fund-raiser for various humanitarian causes where participants re-enact the dance moves of Michael Jackson's Thriller at the same time. Many Canadian cities are participating as well. Visit thrilltheworld.com for info.

2 Tim Hortons flashers. The morning line for your double-double might be moving a little quicker as the touchless debit payment system Interac Flash is rolling out at 2,300 Tim Hortons locations across Canada by the end of this month, allowing you to put your card in front of a scanner to pay directly from your bank account. Because typing your pin number just takes too long.

3 @CanadianProbz. Canada is the best country anywhere, but we do have problems here. And the Twitter account @CanadianProbz with 125,000 followers points to some of them. Like "Not enough Beaver Tail locations #canadianprobz." Or "When Tims is out of your favourite donut < #canadianprobz." For more problem gems, give them a follow, eh?

4 Koodonation.com. Starting Nov. 5, you can team up with your fave Canadian university or college on Koodonation.com — an online micro-volunteering community — and strive to do the most good deeds online, with the reward being a $35,000 contribution to the winning school's Canadian charity of choice. Pretty cool grassroots initiative that teaches community engagement.

5 Trademarking Tebowing. The NY Jets QB is trademarking Tebowing, the move where he goes down on one knee and holds a clenched fist against his forehead while praying during games. Tebow says he's doing it to "make sure it's used in the right way." I am considering trademarking "the Neil", a signature move where I kneel down and pray at awkward moments for no reason.

6 Lance Armstrong. The governing body of cycling stripped him of his seven Tour de France titles after a widespread doping scandal was revealed by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, banning him for life from the sport. This tarnishes Armstrong's image, true, but doesn't change the fact he beat cancer and created the charity Livestrong, which has raised so many millions for cancer research.

7 Take them a meal. A good friend of mine was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and a link for TakeThemAMeal.com service was sent around. It's a popular online tool — over four million people have used it — to co-ordinate the delivery of meals to someone who is in need, giving friends, family, neighbours and co-workers an easy way to help out. Oh, and it's free. Spread the word.

8 iPad Mini. Apple introduced its pencil-thin iPad Mini this week, priced at $329, adding another high-quality device to an already-crowded seven-inch tablet market. For other tablet developers, that does leave more room in the six-inch market — or if you really want to go big, eight inches. No insecurities there, right?

9 John Farrell. The Jays traded their manager to the Boston Red Sox for a player, infielder Mike Aviles. Good riddance Farrell, who basically did nothing for the Jays in two years and used the team as an internship of sorts. Now can we trade in general manager Alex Anthopoulos for Pat Gillick, the GM who guided the Jays to back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and 1993?

10 Stephen Harper photo-bomb. In a rare moment of spontaneity, the prime minister stepped out of his car with security detail and posed with a wedding party as they were taking photos at scenic Rockcliffe Parkway in Ottawa earlier this week. Or was it spontaneous? Here's what his advisers might have said: "Steve, great photo op man. Crash their wedding photos! This thing will go viral dude, LOL."

11 Neil Young Twitter Q & A. @neilyoung was rockin' in the (Twitter) free world on Wednesday, hosting a fun live Q & A with his fans in conjunction with the release of his new album, Psychedelic Pill. He chimed in on everything from music to the NHL lockout, answering "money money money money money money money" to the Q: thoughts on the NHL lockout?

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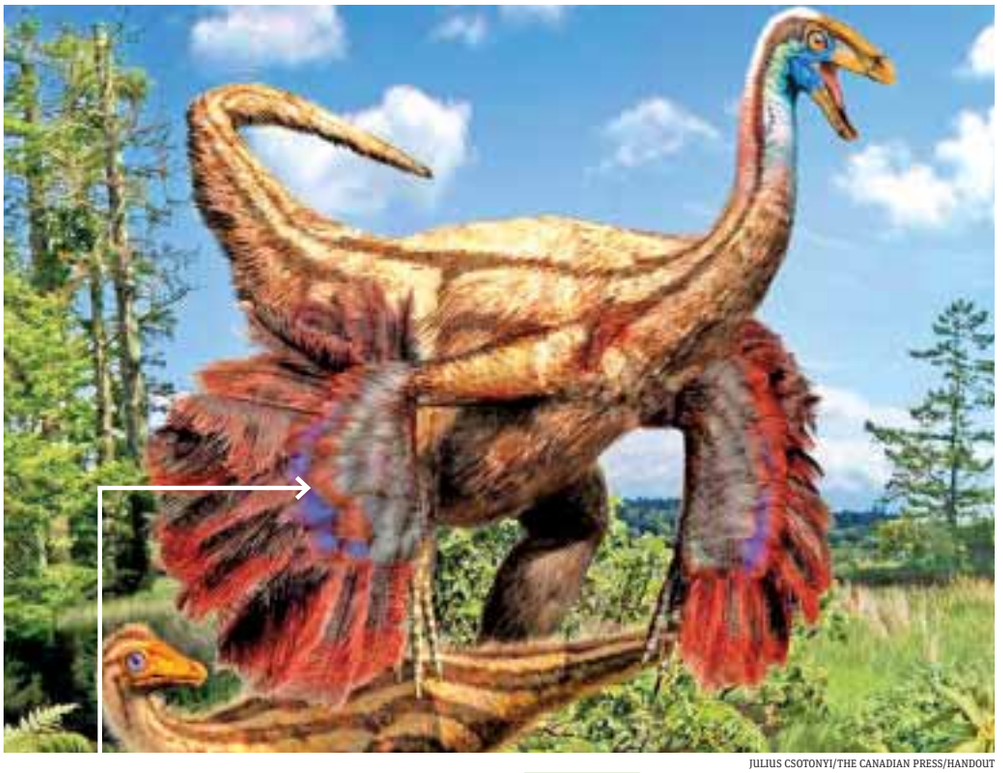

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Alberta discovery

Feathers possibly used for courtship

A set of 70-million-year-old fossils found in Alberta has added weight to theories that dinosaurs may have first sprouted feathers to show off, not take off.

Darla Zelenitsky, a paleontologist at the University of Calgary, says three years of study on dinosaur fossils found near Drumheller, Alta., suggest that the features most closely linked with flight evolved for a completely different reason.

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Fossil find leads to theory

"These wing-like structures would have been used for reproductive activities (courtship, display, brooding) and were only later ... co-opted for other roles including flight."

A paper published Thursday in the prestigious journal Science says.

Dinosaur dig

- The fossils — the oldest feathered dinosaurs ever found — are from three members of the species Ornithomimus edmontonicus (pictured above in an artistic reconstruction), an agile, two-legged dinosaur that looked like a large ostrich and most likely lived off a mixed diet of leaves, eggs and small animals.
- At about 150 kilograms, the dinosaur was too big to fly. The fossils also suggest real feathers didn't grow until adulthood.

Flexing their feathers

"Because they're in these large dinosaurs, (wings) haven't evolved for flight.... (And) because these wing-like structures develop later in life, that suggests they were used for purposes like display or courtship or egg-brooding."

Darla Zelenitsky
A paleontologist at the University of Calgary

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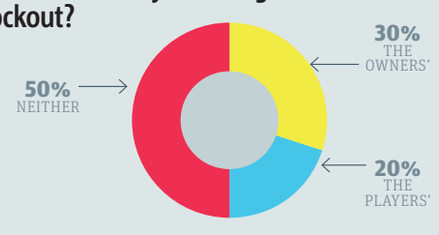

Twitter

@WinnipegHarvest: It's almost WE Day! Winnipeg Youth dream big and change the world, we believe in you! Don't forget to bring a Tin for the Bin when you go!

@JaimieKelly: I would much rather stay at home and Skype my bestie in Mexico then go to school right now but for once I have my #priorities

@sociallyinept_: STOP SENDING ME LOGOS IN WORD! #designerproblems

@TonySnow__: the way some of these chicks dance like ciara, niki minja, miley cyrus, lady gaga and so on, make me happy i aint got a daughter

@tascmasta: Did the first study use sources? And if so, couldn't someone say "citation needed" to be a d--k? #randomquestion

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Reel guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

The year's 'most' movie

Cloud Atlas.
Sprawling epic from the Wachowskis is threaded together by a somewhat trite sentiment

Richard: Mark, the movie's structure seems random at first, but as the running time ticks on connections begin to assert themselves and through lines emerge. Each story has a distinct look and feel, but share a common cast. Each actor plays many characters — so to stop your mind from wandering, you may find yourself playing a Where's Waldo game, trying to identify the actors in their various guises. Did you find it confusing?

Mark: All part of the game, Richard, all part of the game. And the Wachowskis are nothing if not game players. There are some people who will think this is the best movie of the year. I don't know about that, but it is the *most* movie of the year — eight movies by my count. Usually after I see a film I want to go for coffee — after Cloud Atlas I felt I needed a vacation. But you can't fault its ambition. What you can question is its spiritual balderdash of "we are all connected." If so, why won't Spielberg return my calls?

RC: I hear you, it is a whole lotta movie. I also get what you mean about the idea that we are all connected. While spiritually satisfying, it is the most simplistic of the movie's concepts. We get it in the first hour, it's reinforced in the second and by the end of the third act you want to scream, "I know! I know! We're all connected!" What did you think about each actor taking on six roles?

MB: Part of the fun, and an Oscar shoo-in for whoever did the makeup. There is another theme to the movie that I found less trite, which is humanity's pursuit of freedom and free will over the ages. Some of the stories make this point better than others. I was most engrossed in the Seoul 2144 plot and least impressed with the nursing home geezers, although Jim Broadbent was terrific, as always. But I found it kind of depressing to find that in the far, far future, we all talk like Ozark hillbillies.

RC: I liked the nursing home story! But then again, Benny Hill always made me laugh. The action scenes, however, let me down. Surprisingly for directors who redefined movie action in their Matrix trilogy, the anticipated Wachowskis touch is missing in the bigger set pieces.

MB: I think if the action scenes were any bigger, they might have overwhelmed the rest of the movie. But even if the film had one plot too many and one idea too few, it still made me feel the grandeur of what cinema can be.

Synopsis

Words like audacious and ambitious will be used to describe the sprawling three-hour saga from co-directors Lana and Andy Wachowski and Tom Tykwer. Based on a novel by British author David Mitchell, the story careens through history like a time machine with a broken steering wheel. It's a non-linear epic that connects six characters — make that souls — throughout different times in history.

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Sarah Silverman. Star can get obsessive when it comes to video games

Wreck-It Ralph opens next Friday. HANDOUT

In Wreck-It Ralph, Sarah Silverman voices a sprightly, sweetly obnoxious glitch of a driver in Sugar Rush, a Candyland-themed racing game. But when it comes to her own gaming preferences, Silverman admits she goes in for stuff a bit more violent — like the classic James Bond multiplayer shooting game Goldeneye. But that doesn't mean she'd want to live in it.

How much of a video game fan are you?

I grew up near an arcade called Space Center that my sisters and I would go to all the time, and the Dairy Queen where I worked had a game called Joust that I was obsessed with, that I would master between dipped cones. And then I got really into Nintendo 64. Actually, when I was working on Mr. Show, they got Nintendo 64 Goldeneye, and any time any of us weren't shooting, we were playing that obsessively. I would dream about it. I think I know every square inch of every room on every map in that game.

I have friends who still play that game.

Me too! I actually found it and have it. Four friends playing, killing each other, you've got the little compass-style so you can see where everyone is. It's so fun to talk smack and kill each other. I heard there's another 007 game coming out. I'm excited.

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Runaway

If Sarah Silverman could run away to a video game, which would it be? "I don't know, because all my favourite games are terrifying killing games, so I don't think I'd want to go in there — although all my dreams are action-adventure lately. But I think I would pick something more like golf or 'the Sims' or something, where I can socialize and not be scared.

Kids' movie is about mid-life crisis: Reilly

Wreck-It Ralph. Film about a video game bad guy has Boogie Nights actor voicing the main character

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Metro World News in Hollywood

To hear John C. Reilly tell it, Wreck-It Ralph — in which he voices the titular video game bad guy who leaves his game on a quest to become a hero instead — is a movie about a midlife crisis. But the folks in marketing at Disney probably don't want to put that on the posters, he admits.

How much of a video game fan were you before this movie?

You know, I think there's not enough hours in the day these days to play video games, having a family and stuff — especially given how complicated they are. Just learning the game takes hours at this point. But it certainly made a big impact on my life when I was a kid. I'm of a generation that was there when Space Invaders first came out. Maybe there was a game before that one, but to me that was the huge game-changer. I just think it's hard for people to appreciate these days what a big change that was, because there were no computers, no cellphones. I didn't even have a VCR at that point, so the idea that you could manipulate something on a television screen? Just that alone, let alone what the game was about and how cool the game was, just the ability to do that was huge. And you kind of had to use your imagination back then. I think [the graphics] did seem realistic — compared to Pong, you know? The first game, I guess, was Pong, before Space Invaders.

John C. Reilly has always wondered what the cherries in Pac Man tasted like. HANDOUT

Quoted

"To tell you the truth, the idea of being trapped in a video game seems kind of nightmarish to me."
John C. Reilly

If you could disappear into a game yourself, which would you choose?

To tell you the truth, the idea of being trapped in a video game seems kind of nightmarish to me. I mean, they're all a fight for survival. I think life is enough like that already. That said ... I don't know. I have always wondered what those cherries tasted like in Pac Man.

It's been 15 years since Boogie Nights came out.

It has? You know, as Bob Dylan said, I'm an artist, I don't look back. Or something like that. He said, "She's an artist, she don't look back." Yeah, I don't spend too much time watching stuff I've done, to tell you the truth. It just makes you feel old.

I don't think you're old.

Well, I'm older than I was 15 years ago.

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Drama

Chasing Mavericks

Director. Curtis Hanson, Michael Apted

Stars. Gerard Butler, Jonny Weston

As frustratingly formulaic as it is, Chasing Mavericks has a strange allure. Whether it's the skillful performances, expert cinematography or the hippie magnetism of surfer logic, this true story about a teen (Jonny Weston) who attempts to conquer the world's largest waves under the guidance of a seasoned surfer (Gerard Butler) is much more cohesive than expected, especially considering Michael Apted assumed directing duties for Curtis Hanson midway through due to health concerns. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy

Fun Size

Director. Josh Schwartz

Stars. Victoria Justice, Chelsea Handler

Characterized as a "cross between Superbad and Adventures in Babysitting", Fun Size can't capture the magic of either of those comic hits. Teen sensation Victoria Justice just wants to attend a hunk's Halloween party. Delegated to babysit instead, she loses her bratty baby brother and the night turns into a goofy search involving arson, blackmail, a humping chicken gag and other contrived hijinks. While Fun Size has idiosyncratic potential, it winds up as forgettable as a year-old rotting jack-o'-lantern. **STEVE GOW**

Horror

Silent Hill: Revelation 3D

Director. Michael J. Bassett

Stars. Adelaide Clemens, Kit Harrington, Malcolm McDowell

What it lacked in coherent plot, Silent Hill made up for with striking and frightening imagery. But the same can't be said for this video game adaptation's second trip to theatres. Sharon, now a teenager, has no memory of Silent Hill, but is drawn back after the cult that tried to burn her maternal mother kidnap her adopted father. Lacking the narrative focus and visual flare of the original's creative team, Revelation attempts to clarify the world of Silent Hill, but only muddies the water further. **IAN GORMELY**

The horror, the horror

Unwinding after a day of shooting a nerve-shredding horror movie like Silent Hill Revelation 3D can be tough, but co-stars Adelaide Clemens and Kit Harington have their strategies all figured out. (Hint: They involve jogging and alcohol.) See the video online at metronews.ca.

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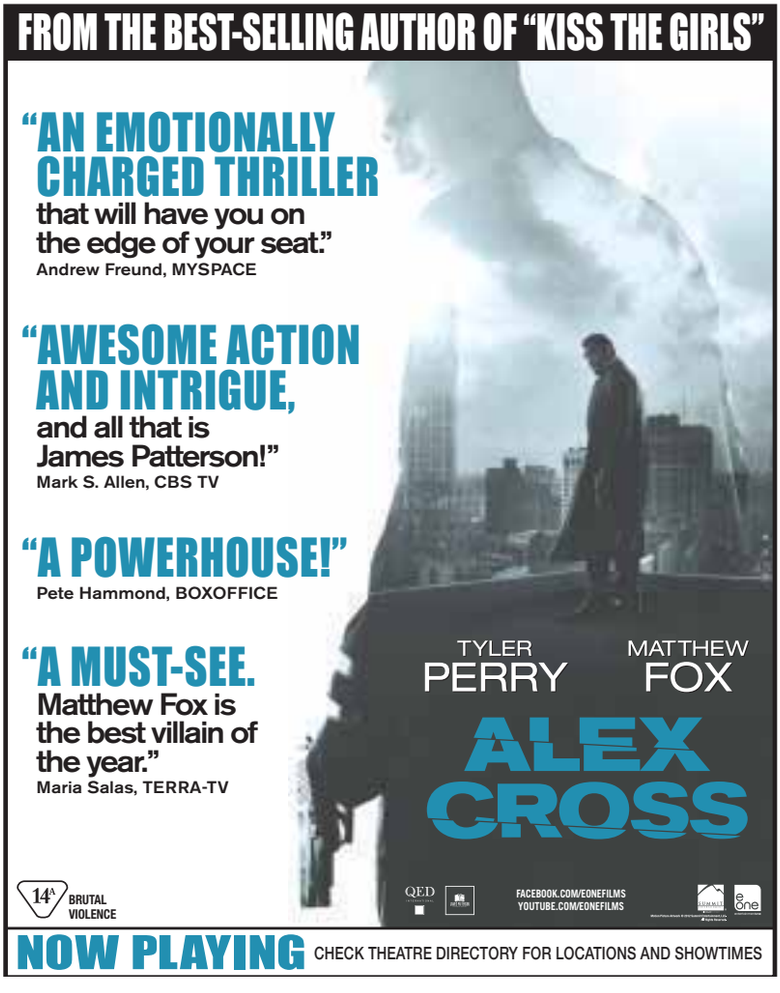
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Daniel Craig. He's back as Bond in Skyfall; Metro met his grumpier side

It's hard work being a sexy spy. HANDOUT

James Bond: Skilled assassin, notorious ladies man and … professional kvetch? It seems that way when we meet Daniel Craig, star of the new Skyfall.

In this 23rd Bond adventure, directed by Sam Mendes (American Beauty), Bond hits Macau and Shanghai and battles a villain (Javier Bardem) who's tech-savvy and dangerously flirtatious. Meanwhile, MI6 boss M (Judi Dench) is under threat in an exploding London.

Mixing old school Bond theatrics with a new school look, this sounds like fun—right Daniel?

Right?

"I had to do a lot of running in this movie, which I hate," Craig says, grimacing. "I end up doing a day's filming which on paper should look fairly easy. I don't have any dialogue. It says, 'Bond goes from to A to B, then he goes from B to C.' But he goes from A to B at a lick, he runs down the stairs, he runs up the stairs, and we have to do 10 takes at a time, so by the end of it I'm just (gasping)."

"Bond," he summarizes, "doesn't usually walk through a room."

It's hard to be an icon...

So what makes Daniel Craig happy? Really, truly happy? Being Bond. Being an icon. "Of course, I suppose I was concerned about being typecast," he says. "But when you weigh it up it's not a bad thing to be typecast as James Bond, is it really?" He laughs. "I can say that now — it's easier now."

No doubt. Skyfall is filled with adventure, including an underwater fight sequence that Craig enjoyed — between takes. "Nobody can find you when you're underwater," he says. "When we're not shooting, I swim to the bottom — it's a huge, great big tank at Pinewood (Studios, in the U.K.), about 30 feet deep. And I just sink to the bottom, put the respirator in and hide. And it's so great. Sometimes I fall asleep as well. And then you hear a voice saying, 'Where's Daniel?'" NED EHRBAR, MWN

Javier Bardem on being bad, very bad

An evil legacy. Actor has some big shoes to fill as the latest Bond villain — here are his tricks for being bad

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Javier Bardem is Silva, the villain in Skyfall, which hits theatres Nov. 8. HANDOUT

As Silva, the new big bad guy in Skyfall, Javier Bardem joins a long and impressive legacy of Bond villains that includes such icons as Blofeld and Scaramanga. So how does Bardem make his entry into the canon stand out? Director Sam Mendes had a few ideas: "I want a certain kind of villain, and I have a very particular idea of the kind of flamboyant, lip-smacking relish of this kind of villain that dates back to the early Bond movies, the Connery pictures," Mendes explains. Here, some key elements a larger-than-life bad guy needs to cross James Bond:

An air of menace

This is a bad guy who gets his kicks playing with people, according to Bardem. "We started thinking about it, and Sam gave me this great note, which is uncomfortableness," he says. "We wanted to create somebody that creates uncomfortable situations rather than being somebody scary and threatening, somebody that really create a scenario of insecurity, of something unexpected." That sense of uncomfortableness comes across strongest during a charged scene in which Silva begins flirting with Bond. "It was part of the game, but he's not entirely gay," Bardem explains. "The main goal was to create uncomfortableness. Within that, you can read anything you wish. But he's more into the thing of putting the other person into an uncomfortable position, where even James Bond himself doesn't know how to get out of it. He creates something that's a spectacle."

A sense of fun

But he also knows how to lighten the mood when he needs to. "Camp is a word that somebody taught me the other day. Now I know what camp is," Bardem admits. "I realized that we were dealing with something that was fun to play, and that will also bring the opportunity to do kind of a little humble homage to the Bond classics mixed with something more modern."

A personal connection

It becomes clear before long that Silva has past ties to MI6 and its head, M (Judi Dench), a connection that makes him all the more threatening.

"There's a clear motive. Something happened to him that changed his whole perspective of the world that has to do with the motive in the movie," explains Bardem.

"So I think the power of this character is that we understand what he's going through, what he went through. It's very personal. It's very human.

"This is not a man with bigger thoughts of destroying the world or something like that. It's more like a person with a very specific goal in mind. And that makes him even more dangerous."

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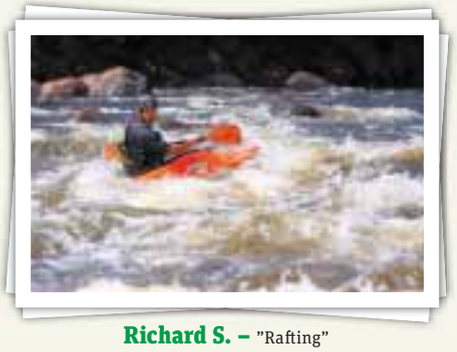

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Alison Sudol: The things she Pines for

Listening. Singer says 'letting go' is a big theme on new record

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News in Boston

Listening. It's a lost art. At least, Alison Sudol, who records under the name A Fine Frenzy, thinks so.

"There's a large part of listening that gets lost," she says. "Listening to the world, listening to the universe and listening to what life is trying to tell you. We lose the sheer act of listening and the act of surrendering. There's a beauty in surrendering and allowing life to move through you, and letting go."

She says this observation informed her latest work.

"That's a big theme on the record," she says. "Letting go."

That record, Pines, is Los Angeles-based Sudol's third, and it's accompanied by a book and a stop-motion short film. She calls Pines, which is a spare, pretty rumination about a pine tree, a fable and a metaphor.

Though it's Sudol's story, she gives her band and producer Keefus Green much credit in realizing it on record.

"They brought so much energy, texture and sound," she says.

"They brought their own creativity to it in a way that made the songs evolve in a way I didn't expect. That was another exercise in letting go."

But while she let go, they were listening.

"At the beginning of each recording session, everyone would sit around me in a semi-circle and I'd tell them what was happening in the story and what kind of emotion to capture. I remember thinking how wonderful it was to see these glorious musicians listening so carefully to me telling my little story about a pine tree. It was lovely."

Loss

The other L word

Besides listening and letting go, there's another L word rooted in Pines: Loss. Sudol is all-aglow as she speaks to Metro from Seattle, which she calls her hometown, even though she left it when she was five.

"I have tried to make places my home, put my roots there. But I never really felt that feeling again. This record was essentially a journey to stop pining and find what I was looking for, even if I didn't really know what that was."

Alison Sudol HANDOUT

Honoured. Carly Rae Jepsen named Billboard's Rising Star

Carly Rae Jepsen. GETTY IMAGES

Carly Rae Jepsen has had a breakout year, and now she's being rewarded by Billboard, which has named her its Rising Star of 2012.

The Call Me Maybe singer will be honoured at Billboard's annual Women in Music event, to be held in New York City on Nov. 30. She'll join Katy Perry, who has been named Woman of the Year.

In a statement Thursday, Jepsen says she was influenced by many female artists and hopes to inspire budding musicians the way her heroes inspired her. Jepsen says she is truly honoured by the award.

Previous recipients include Nicki Minaj and Lady Gaga. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three songs for the weekend: Neil Young, Indian Handcrafts, The Scenics

It's an all-Canadian list this week that includes a rock legend, a lost gem and a promising newcomer

SOUND CHECK
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On the web

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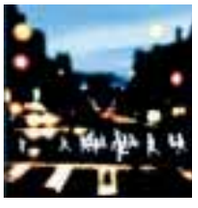
1 Born in Ontario/Neil Young

Two collaborations with Crazy Horse this year? Well, they hadn't worked together since 2004, so they're just making up for lost time. Psychedelic Pill is Young's 35th studio record. And he still remembers where he's from.

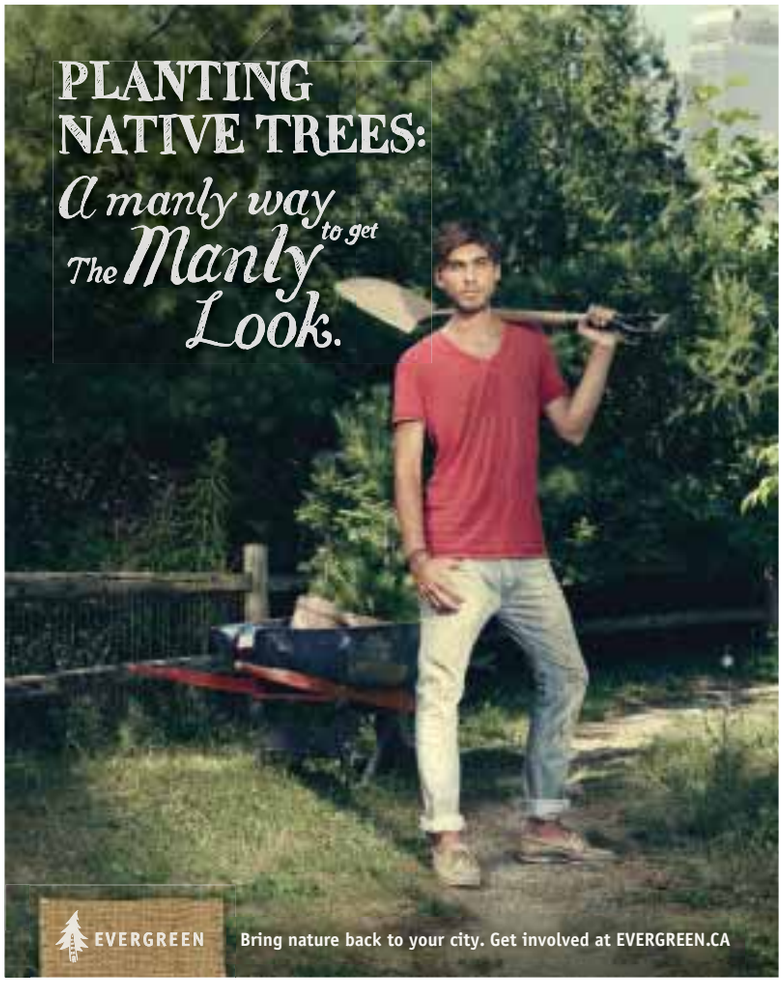
2 When You Come Around/ The Scenics

Ancient Toronto punk band (they were at The Last Pogo at the Horseshoe in '78), got back together in 2008 and is set to release Dead Man Walks Down Bayview on Tuesday, their first album since 1979.



3 Bruce Lee/ Indian Handcrafts

Super-cool sludge rock from two-piece Ontario outfit that owns a lot of Uncle Neil's earlier fuzzed out guitar sounds. Civil Disobedience for Losers is worth a listen.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Cruise suing 'sleazy' mags for $50M over story that he 'abandoned' Suri

Questioning Tom Cruise's parenting skills can come with a hefty fee, as tabloid Life & Style Weekly has discovered. The movie star is suing the magazine — along with sister publication In Touch — for $50 million over stories alleging Cruise has all but abandoned his daughter, Suri, in the wake of his divorce from Katie Holmes, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

"Tom is a caring father who dearly loves Suri. To say he has 'abandoned' her is a vicious lie," Cruise's lawyer, Bert Fields, says in a statement. "When these sleazepeddlers try to make money with disgusting lies about his relationship with his child, you bet he's going to sue."

Justin Timberlake

Timberlake under fire over joke wedding video

Justin Timberlake is under fire for a joke video played at his $6.5 million wedding to Jessica Biel that featured Los Angeles homeless people offering the happy couple well wishes, according to Gawker. The eight-minute video, Greetings from Your Hollywood Friends Who Just Couldn't Make It, was produced by Timberlake's friend Justin Huchel and features toothless men saying, "Justin and Jessica, I haven't seen you for a long time. I hope the wedding goes fine for you. My gift is in the mail."

Huchel's attorney insists it's all in good fun, telling the website, "Mr. Huchel made (the) video to be used and exhibited privately at Justin Timberlake's wedding as a private joke without Mr. Timberlake's knowledge."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Taylor Swift and Conor Kennedy part ways quietly

THE WORD
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Well, this is awkward. Just weeks after Taylor Swift, 22, purchased a $4.5 million dollar home in Hyannis Port, Mass., to be closer to her new boyfriend, Conor Kennedy, 18, Us Weekly is reporting they have split up.

"They quietly parted ways a while ago," a friend of Swift's tells Us Weekly. "It was just a distance thing. No hard feelings. They're fine."

Apparently, Swift was busy promoting her new album Red and wasn't able to see much of Kennedy. That, and the dude is 18 and a junior in high school, so he has some time before he needs to be serious with any global pop stars. And really, this is great for Swift. I bet she's writing a new song right at this very moment and wondering what rhymes with "Catholic."

Britney Spears

Spears' former manager claims she used hard drugs during meltdown

New light is being shed on Britney Spears' infamous 2007 head-shaving meltdown. Former manager Sam Lufti — who is suing Spears and her family for libel, defamation, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and breach of contract — claims that the singer had been using hard drugs at the time and was worried a judge might request a test of her hair, possibly leading to her losing custody of her young children, according to the Daily Beast. "She told me she wanted to get clean, but she was struggling with it," Lufti said on the stand this week. "I told her she needed to do it. I explained to her that society is not going to tolerate a mother with two kids abusing drugs."

Quoted

"She told me she wanted to get clean but she was struggling with it."

Britney Spears' ex manager Sam Lufti
On the singer's 2007 battle with drugs

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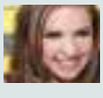

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My biggest sexual fantasy is that someone busts in when I'm singing on the shower and yells"girl where you been hiding that voice?"

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Take a sip from a skull

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Dan Aykroyd has been called lots of things during his career: Not Ready For Primetime Player, Blues Brother, Ghostbuster, bar owner and winemaker.

As if those weren't enough titles to make his business card the size of a pizza carton, a few years ago he added distiller to his resumé.

Not that he's set up a still in his garage. Aykroyd's working with a company in Newfoundland to create Crystal Head Vodka ($44.98 - $54.99), using the province's pristine water.

What really sets Crystal Head apart from the rest of the neutral spirit pack is during the final stage of the quadruple-distillation process (which is unique in itself), the booze is filtrated through 500-million year-old quartz crystals known as Herkimer diamonds.

Apparently that's a good thing because the output has no additives, is as smooth as silk and mixes like a dream — or should I say nightmare?

With Halloween around the corner, the coolest part of this vodka is its bottle. It is shaped like a human skull — kind of like the ones in the last Indiana Jones movie — which makes it the perfect base for a very bloody mary or caesar.

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Make your party a haunting good time

Halloween. Celeb chef Andrea Nicholson offers tips for throwing an awesomely terrifying gathering

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Halloween isn't just for kids; adults deserve to have a blast too. Whether you're 21 or 61 (or even 91), a good Halloween party is the only way to bid adieu to October.

Owner of Killer Condiments (killercondiments.com) and Food Network Canada chef Andrea Nicholson is known for her time on Top Chef Canada and whipping restaurants into shape on the new season of Restaurant Takeover.

The busy chef filled us in on how to make the most out of your Halloween party this year.

What's your favourite part about Halloween?
My favourite part is putting my costume together. I always buy my costumes at second-hand stores. They are great for inspiration and always deliver hilarious ensembles. Not to mention, the costumes are cheap.

Any good ideas for a home-made twist on a traditional Halloween candy?
The Halloween treat I looked forward to the most as a kid was those small bags of potato chips. Homemade chips are so easy to make. Fry up some thinly sliced Yukon gold potatoes, season them with a mixture of sea salt, cayenne pepper and a pinch of sugar. They are spicy and sweet and so addictive.

Chef Andrea Nicholson. SUBMITTED

What are three essentials to throwing a Halloween party?
A great playlist, costumes are mandatory and delicious food.

What's an easy dish you can make look spooky?
Asian Congee. Although tasty, it always looks murky and unknown. You can easily hide some scary ingredients inside.

There's a fine line between Halloween-esque dishes and ones that are too gross to eat. What's the grossest thing you've ever seen offered up at a party?
I went to a '70s-themed party and people were asked to bring a dish inspired by the era. A friend of mine made a cottage cheese, mayo, lime Jell-O, pineapple and marshmallow salad. It was wrong on so many levels, the worst part was the texture of the lettuce and Jell-O together.

Finally, the most important question ... trick or treat?
TREAT, all the way!

Recipe

Vanilla Scarecrow Tart

1. Spoon cake mix evenly into tart shells, filling to below rim. Place shells on rimmed baking sheet and bake according to directions for 12 cupcakes. Let cool.

2. Frost top of each tart. Add dollop of frosting to top edge of tart and press smaller wafer to it for the hat top. Place larger wafer just below hat top for brim. Decorate hat with jelly beans. Press pieces of bran cereal for hair into frosting below hat brim.

3. For face, press on candy corn nose, mini candy-coated chocolates for eyes and make a stitched mouth with chocolate sprinkles.

- 12 tart shells
- 1 pkg (250 g) white cake mix
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) vanilla frosting
- 6 vanilla sugar wafers, cut into 7-cm (2 3/4-inch) lengths, then halved lengthwise
- 3 vanilla sugar wafers, cut to 7-cm (2 3/4-inch) lengths, halved lengthwise, crosswise
- Jelly beans
- Bran cereal, candy corn, mini candy-coated chocolates and chocolate sprinkles.

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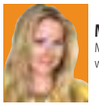

MIX OF SIX
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'60s Halloween throw down

There is no other music as infectious as '60s music and Juss Jazz will be hosting a fab Halloween party this Saturday night with non-stop hits from the swinger's era.

Doors open at 9 p.m. and the party will keep on rockin' until 2 a.m. Tickets are $13 at the door — but be warned, if you are costumeless, you will be charged an extra $2.

The theme of the night, other than Halloween, is the supernatural... Hopefully that will give you a few more costume ideas. For more info on this party, visit kingcabernet.com

Young, wild and free

Is the title of my favorite song by artist Wiz Khalifa, who will be performing at the MTS Centre on Halloween.

Along with this up-and-coming rap star from Minot, ND, Juicy J, Chevy Woods and Lola Monroe will perform. Tickets for this show are a reasonable $35 - $49.50, so if you have a friend who loves lil' Wizzy, this would be the perfect gift.

Meet Measha

Or should I say — hear Measha Brueggergosman, the female judge on Canada's Got Talent with the outrageous hair.

You have two nights to check out this Canadian soprano along with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Alexander Mickelthwate.

Also being featured is Micah Hailbrunn on the clarinet. On the playlist are several edgy cabaret songs — specially rearranged for Measha.

If you haven't seen the WSO in a while, well, it's time to go. Make it a night out and Measha will make it a night to remember!

Rave'n about rory

Comedian Rory Scovel has only a few shows left in Winnipeg before moving on to his next gig. Rumor's Restaurant and Comedy Club is where you'll find this funny man cracking jokes about politics, drugs and his quirky yet hilarious interpretations of everyday life situations.

His last show is Saturday, so you still have time to plan a night out with your buds to have a few Buds and laugh uncontrollably at the same time. Conan O'Brien, a very well know comedian, recently had Scovel on his show to do his thing — which left the live audience in stitches.

Where are the good men?

They're at the Manitoba Theatre Centre. A Few Good Men, the hit Broadway show, written by Aaron Sorkin, is sure to keep you at the edge of your seat.

Sorkin, better known for writing The Social Network, Moneyball and the West Wing, is a master at keeping his audience entertained yet constantly guessing where the plot will turn next.

If you do go, the show lasts two hours and 45 minutes — including intermission. If I were you — I'd hit up Hermanos Restaurant and Wine Bar before or after the show.

Night of the living burlesque...

Now that I've got your attention, here are the deets you need to know to see this sexy burlesque show starring Miss Angela La Muse live in action.

On Sunday, The Cheer is throwing a huge zombie-themed Halloween party. Miss La Muse's memorable show begins at 9 p.m.

Warning … the room does get quite excited when she comes on stage, so make sure you have a nice cold drink to keep you cool when she bring the heat of burlesque.

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By Steven Sarens

As usual it's been another year of strange weather, starting with an early Spring (we started installs a full 3 weeks earlier than normal), it was a little cool with hardly any rain and then it got brutally hot through the summer, but our Fall has been quite cool.

For anyone working outside in the heat, this was a challenging year! Many people commented that the lack of rain must have been good for our installers. The answer was yes and no! With next to no rain the guys were able to work steadily but the heat really takes its toll on them when they are in it for 10 to 14 hours a day. And with no rain days they didn't even get a chance to recuperate.

Being my last column of the year I would like to thank some people for their support. First would be our customers who remained positive and showed sympathy for us as we battled the elements. Second would be our suppliers who although giving us a scare that there would be supply problems, came through in the end to keep all our guys (and gals) working. Most of all I would like to thank all the staff, from the designers who always strive to envision and plan the best possible "dream room" for our clients, to our inside staff who had to keep up with the installers. Finally, to the installers themselves who braved the elements every day trying to stay on schedule. It's amazing that they accomplished as much as they did in that heat.

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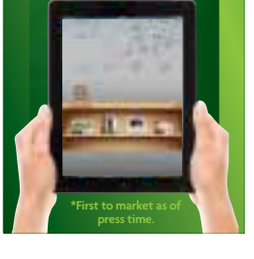

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NBA

Stern announces plan to retire

NBA commissioner David Stern will retire on Feb. 1, 2014, 30 years after he took charge of the league. He will be replaced by deputy commissioner Adam Silver.

The announcement came at an NBA board of governors meeting Thursday.

Stern, 70, told owners during their two days of meetings of his plans, and the board unanimously decided Silver would be his successor.

"I decided that things are in great shape and there's an organization in place that will ultimately be led by Adam that is totally prepared to take it to the next level," Stern said.

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David Stern. GETTY IMAGES

Tennis

Fans could decide site of Davis Cup tie

Tennis Manitoba is trying to get people to put their cash on the line as it bids to host Canada's Davis Cup tennis tie against Spain in February.

The organization has teamed with True North Sports and Entertainment to ask for refundable $25 deposits on tickets to prove there is widespread interest.

Tennis Manitoba president Bruce Waschuk said of the three cities left in the running, Winnipeg is the best choice because it can offer the MTS Centre on the Feb. 1-3 dates.

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FIFA. Sinclair nominated for Women's World Player of the Year award

Canadian captain Christine Sinclair is among the 10 candidates for the most prestigious individual honour in women's soccer.

She was on the early nomination list for the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year award Thursday.

Sinclair scored 23 goals in 22 matches and led all players with six goals at the London Olympics.

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Christine Sinclair GETTY IMAGES

NHL. League pulls 50-50 deal off table after deadline passes in silence

Now the NHL is skating backwards.

The league is withdrawing its last offer now that a self-imposed deadline to save a full 82-game regular season with playoffs has passed.

Deputy commissioner Bill Daly told ESPN he expected to notify the players' association about the league's decision.

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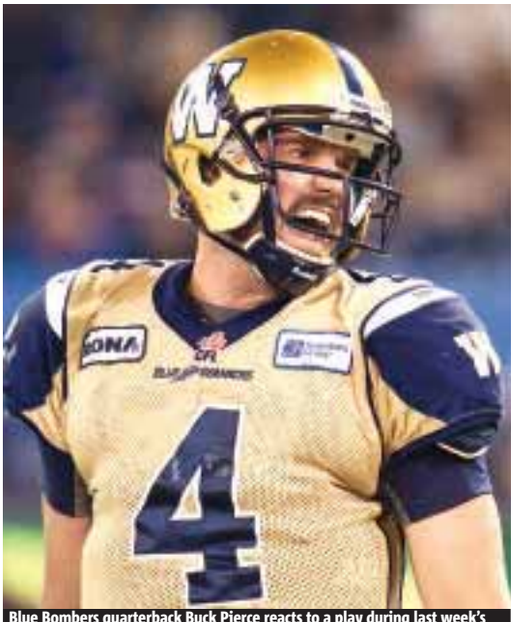
"You all should be able to figure this out. Get this done. The fans deserve it."

U.S. President Barack Obama, when asked about the NHL lockout during an appearance on The Tonight Show on Wednesday.

Bombers look to keep rolling over Tiger-Cats



Blue Bombers quarterback Buck Pierce reacts to a play during last week's game in Toronto. The Bombers will be matched up against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Saturday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL. Winnipeg winners of five straight regular-season contests against Hamilton

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers need to extend one streak and snap another Saturday to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

The Bombers are in Hamilton on Saturday for the final game at Ivor Wynne Stadium. Winnipeg hasn't lost a regular-season game to the Ticats since Aug. 13, 2010 — a streak of five contests — leaving quarterback Buck Pierce unsure as to why.

"I don't know, I think it's just one of those things," he said Thursday. "We have the confidence level when we go in and play against them.

"It seems like we execute well and we match up well against them. Their offence is a big-play offence and that kind of puts the pressure on our offence to stay on the field a little bit longer."

Actually, Winnipeg has won its last six straight against Hamilton, the other victory being a 19-3 decision over the Ticats in last year's East Division final.

But Winnipeg (5-11) hasn't managed consecutive wins all season and is coming off an impressive 44-32 victory in Toronto last week. The Bombers last recorded back-to-back wins Aug. 26, 2011, the second victory, coincidentally, coming against Hamilton.

Pierce is just as puzzled trying to explain that streak as well.

"Lack of consistency, lack of focus would be my guesses," he said. "Maybe too much confidence going in after a win."

Whatever the answer, now would be a good time to find it.

Hamilton (5-11) and Winnipeg are scrapping over the same bone — the last playoff spot in the East Division.

But also in the mix are the Edmonton Eskimos (7-9), who sit poised to take that bone with just one more win. That would ensure a team from the West Division crossing over and taking the final East Division playoff berth.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You have a secret – something even your best friends don't know about. Keep it that way. Knowledge is power and the less others know about what you are up, to the better. Not that it's bad, of course.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The more you help a friend or neighbour today, the more you will help yourself. So, be tolerant of their failings and be prepared to give them the benefit of the doubt. Your fates are closely entwined.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you are serious about changing the habits of a lifetime, the approaching full moon will help you make the transition. But the effort must come from you and it must come quick or the opportunity will be gone.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have lots of energy and even more enthusiasm at the moment but do you have a target worth aiming for? Creatively and artistically this is a great time of year for you, so start building that masterpiece.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Some kind of emotional upheaval is likely today but that need not be a bad thing. In fact, it could be good in that it forces long-term resentments out into the open where they can at last be dealt with.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your social life is looking good at the moment but you are advised not to get carried away. If you burn the candle at both ends now, you could be too slow to take advantage of an opportunity on the weekend.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is a good chance that you will come into money over the next few days, and there is an equally good chance that you will waste it on some luxury item you don't really need. Still, easy come, easy go.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be extremely demanding today, both of yourself and of other people. If you have faith in your own abilities — and you do — there is precious little you cannot achieve. Reach for the stars and own them.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to rise above setbacks and see the positive in everything that happens. If you can do that today, the approaching full moon won't do you much harm. And you'll be in a position to help others.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The most important thing now is that you refuse to jump to conclusions. You certainly should not condemn people just because they approach life from a different direction or perspective.

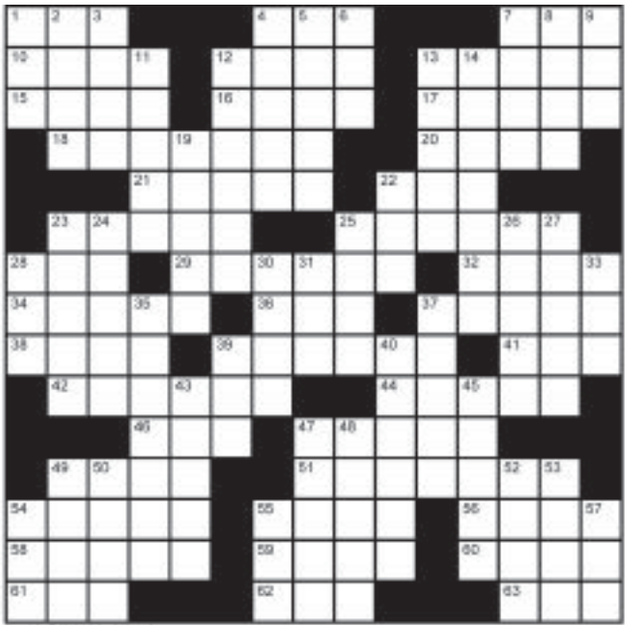
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You can accomplish great things over the next few days but you will also need to ignore the negative vibes that come from a work colleague or even your employer. You can do it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have total faith in your own abilities and that's just as well because you're surrounded by people who don't share your upbeat outlook on life. How do you best deal with them? You ignore them.

SALLY BROMPTON

March Goes Out and March Comes In

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



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4. Tennis ___: top court player
7. ___ Horton's
10. Historic periods
12. Cheers heard at a bullfight
13. Near
15. Alexander ___: Scottish engineer with an energy unit named after him
16. "... a ___ told by an idiot ...": Shakespeare
17. Eyes: Fr.
18. Place to see a play
20. Excavation
21. "... and March goes out like ___" (2 wds.)
22. Egg layer
23. Awry
25. World's second largest country
28. Jungfrau or Matterhorn, e.g.
29. AM/FM devices
32. Amusement park attraction
34. Baseball or tennis
36. They: Fr.
37. Brainstorms
38. "Scat!"
39. Prince Edward ___
41. Letters on the back of a Yukon XL, Jimmy, or Sierra
42. Circle that goes through Canada's north
44. "March comes in like ___ ..." (2 wds.)
46. Goldfish cousin that populates backyard ponds
47. Drew back, like a startled horse
49. "Fraternal" or "identical" follower
51. ___ Canadian (beer)
54. Admire yourself in the mirror
55. Sup
56. Dark, rich soil
58. Rental contract
59. Winter conveyance
60. Long tale such as *Beowulf*
61. Urge
62. ___ Zeppelin of rock
63. "___ you!"

Down
1. ___ Brunswick
2. "Confound it!"
3. Biking or hiking course
4. Startle
5. Hollywood star, particularly an A-lister, in short
6. 180 degrees from WNW
7. Slave away
8. ___ of Man or Capri
9. "___ amis": "My friends" (Fr.)
11. Chateaubriand or filet mignon
12. Parliament's home
13. See 14-Down
14. With 13-Down, Montréal singer-poet best known for "Suzanne" and "Bird on a Wire"
19. Computer warning
22. Owns
23. First Greek letter
24. Animal track
25. ___ Nostra
26. AFL's San ___ Chargers
27. "Frankly, my dear, I don't give ___" (2 wds.)
28. Donkey
30. Computer storage
31. Not well
33. PC key beside F1
35. Alberta-BC border feature
37. Loafs
39. 3 on a sundial
40. Attached using a hammer
43. 1,000 kg
45. Celebrities
47. Happy expression
48. Sharpened, as a knife
49. Alder or aspen
50. Gradually withdraw (off or from something)
52. Biblical ark builder
53. Wise man
54. Carry on, as a trade
55. Internet connection, for short
57. "Mother ___ I?"

Yesterday's Crossword

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			2				3	8
8		4	7	5				9
	7		4	1				
				6	5		9	
7				3	9	8		1
6	4				2			
			5				2	7

Yesterday's Sudoku

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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